



HIGH LEVEL PANEL *for* **A SUSTAINABLE OCEAN ECONOMY**

The High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy is an initiative by world leaders committed to advancing solutions for ocean health and wealth that support the Sustainable Development Goals and build a better future for people and planet.

As the only ocean body made up of serving heads of government, the Panel comes with high-level political commitment. The leaders on the Panel recognize that economic production and ocean protection must be mutually supportive. The Panel has the determination to trigger, amplify and accelerate world-wide Ocean action in governance, technology, industry and finance.

Who is on the High Level Panel?

The Panel consists of fourteen leaders of coastal states at different stages of development. This includes the President or Prime Minister of Australia, Canada, Chile, Fiji, Ghana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Namibia, Norway (co-chair), Palau (co-chair) and Portugal. The UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean is a Supporting Member. The Panel is supported by a global group of scientists, a network of business and civil society and a dedicated secretariat.

What are the objectives?

The aim of the Panel is to build a new, shared understanding of the current and potential future state of ocean economy and ecology, and generate a set of pragmatic policy, governance, technology and investment recommendations aimed at building a sustainable ocean economy.

The Panel will harness expertise from around the globe to generate insights and identify solutions. It will develop practical strategies for turning these solutions into reality. The goal is to advance a contract between humanity and the sea that protects the ocean, optimizes its value to humankind, and helps the world meet the SDGs. The Panel will develop a transformative Action Agenda for the ocean to be presented in 2020, a critical year for both ocean action and the SDGs, and promoted at the highest levels of government and business by the Panel.

What are the aspired results?

Aspired results that will help achieve the transition to a sustainable ocean economy include:

- Widely accepted understanding of what a sustainable ocean economy is and why it is necessary.
- Accelerated SDG action by governments, companies, financial institutions and civil society.
- Existing programs energized and better equipped to tackle ocean challenges.
- New government and business policies adopted and public-private partnerships launched.
- Increased public and private sector financing in support of innovative ocean solutions.
- Strengthened political will and ambition to transform to a sustainable ocean economy.